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# Working for what's BEST for the 18th District and Washington

The 2007 legislative session is scheduled to run through April 22. The three of us went to the Capitol in January to advocate policies that are in step with the needs of our district —things like increased public safety, a high-performance school system, expanded access to health care, economic development, better roads and common sense when it comes to taxes and spending.

Our agenda fits within a set of responsive, good-government guidelines we call BEST, for Balance between responsive and limited government, Empowering people, Strengthening Washington families, and Trust and transparency in government.

Please use the information above to contact us if you want to share your opinion or ask questions about legislation and issues facing the Legislature. We're here to help!

Sincerely,

Joseph Zarelli

**Richard Curtis** 

## **B** alance between responsive yet limited government

Adopt constitutional spending limit ◆ Support comprehensive regulatory reform ◆ Restore 1 percent property tax limit from Initiative 747 (House Bill 1170)

## E mpowering people

Exempt over-the-counter drugs/medicines from sales tax ♦ Create a system of accountability for schools that persistently fail to achieve student academic progress

◆ Protect the initiative process

## **S** trengthening Washington **families**

Protect all victims of sex crimes ◆ Fight gang violence ◆ Increase penalties for eluding an officer and auto theft ◆ Maintain transportation performance audits as promised to the voters ♦ Support Washington's Defense of Marriage Act



## ransparency and trust

"Truth in Budgeting" - fund education first, constitutional requirement of 60 percent vote to raise taxes ◆ Election reform - require picture ID from poll voters and require proof of citizenship for registration ◆ Require two-thirds vote of Legislature to make new laws effective upon signing (the "emergency clause")



## ★ Meet 'Team 18' ★

We're glad to be back for another term as "Team 18," serving you with a wide range of legislative skills and real-world experience. Joseph Zarelli, a small business owner, knows the ins and outs of state government budgets and is a leader on economic development and education policy. Richard Curtis, a retired firefighter and paramedic, has an insider's understanding of health care issues and is a leader on transportation policy. Ed Orcutt, a professional forester, is strong on agricultural and natural resource issues and is a leader on tax policy and the defense of taxpayer protections. It's our honor to serve you and all of the residents of the 18th Legislative District!

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